

## **MANDATORY SMALL CLAIMS MEDIATION**

On the day set for trial, all parties to an action will be required by the court to meet with an experienced, court-appointed mediator in an attempt to resolve the dispute informally before proceeding to trial in front of a judge. Depending on the number of cases set for trial on a particular day, your case may not go to trial until you have first met with the mediator.

If your case is resolved by mediation, upon agreement of all parties, the agreement may be formalized by a written agreement with a dismissal of the complaint or incorporated into a formal judgment. In either case, the settlement may include provisions for the payment of the judgment in installments over time.